and petitions should be submitted to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) in three copies (except that individuals may submit single copies) and identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Comments and petitions may be seen in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

Allen B. Duncan,

Acting Associate Commissioner for Health Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Grass Roots Biotechnology Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the following meeting: Grass Roots Biotechnology Meeting. The topics to be discussed are product classification (Biologic/Device/Drug/Food), the preapproval inspection process, the inspectional environment after product approval, and overall communications with the field offices. This meeting, which is cosponsored by FDA's Office of External Affairs and the New England District, Northeast Region; the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council; and the Biotechnology Association of Maine, is being held to promote the President's initiative for a partnership approach between frontline regulators and the people affected by the work of the agency.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 1997 (8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. registration), 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: The meeting will be held at Ramada Hotel, 15 Middlesex Canal Park, Woburn, MA, 617–279–1675.

Contact: Donald J. Johnson, Special Assistant to the District Director, New England District Office, Northeast Region, Food and Drug Administration (HFR–NE 252), Food and Drug Administration, One Montvale Ave., Stoneham, MA 02180, 617–279–1675, ext. 129, FAX 617–279–1733.

Registration: Send registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, and fax number) to Janice T. Bourque, Executive Director, Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, 245 First St., 14th Fl., Cambridge, MA 02142, 617–577–8198. Because attendance is limited to 100, preregistration is recommended. However, there is no cutoff date for registration.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Donald J. Johnson at least 7 days in advance.

Supplementary Information: This meeting will feature a general session at which Federal regulations and procedures will be discussed, followed by four morning breakout sessions to identify problems or concerns in the topical areas, and four afternoon breakout sessions to recommend solutions to the problems or concerns identified previously.

A summary of the meeting will be provided to all registered participants. However, the public may request a summary of the meeting in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI–35), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 12A–16, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Dated: August 15, 1997.

William K. Hubbard,

Acting Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicaid Sterilization Regulations 45 CFR 96.73, 42 CFR 441 subpart F and Consent Form; *Form No.:* HCFA–R–94; *Use:* All Medicaid-eligible individuals seeking sterilization are required to sign the federally mandated consent form, acknowledging that they understand the benefits and risks of sterilization, and have received oral information concerning the sterilization operation from the provider. *Frequency:* Other (each time sterilization is sought); *Affected Public:* Individuals or Households; *Number of Respondents:* 112,526; *Total Annual Responses:* 112,526; *Total Annual Hours:* 140,658.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, or to obtain the supporting statement and any related forms, E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: HCFA, Office of Information Services, Information Technology Investment Management Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: John Rudolph, Room C2–26–17, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244–1850.

Dated: August 11, 1997.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and